GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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VACCINES FOR IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to include new vaccines for prevention of pneumonia and brain fever in National Vaccination Programme as published in 'Dainik Jagran' dated 26th June, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has estimated the number of childen dying every year due to such diseases;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the total number of children and targeted likely to be vaccinated each year; and

(f) the time by which the said vaccines are likely to be included in the programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India is considering introducing HIB vaccine in Pentavalent formulation in the Immunization Programme for preventing pheumonia and brain fever. However, no decision has been taken as yet.

(c) & (d) It is estimated that pheumonia and meningitis caused by Haemophilus Influenzae b (Hib) kill about 73,826 children under the age of five years in India every year.

(e) & (f) Do not arise.